

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROBERT L.
WILSON

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mr. Robert L. Wilson, founder of Every Person Influences Children (EPIC).

Mr. Wilson founded EPIC in 1980, following the tragic death of his wife, Linda in 1977. Mrs. Wilson was murdered by a troubled 15-year-old boy that the Wilson family had befriended. EPIC was founded to work with youth to help ensure that this type of tragedy would not be repeated.

Despite its modest beginnings, the EPIC organization has emerged as one of our Nation's most successful parent/children's programs. The organization is devoted to helping children grow up to become responsible adults, and helps parents and teachers work more effectively with children, influence them in positive ways and guide them toward responsible, safe decision-making. In recognition of its worthy goals and many successes, our federal government has committed millions in grants to EPIC.

The overwhelming success of EPIC, its tremendous growth, and the strong impact it has had in our Western New York community is testimony to Mr. Wilson's leadership, commitment and integrity. I am truly thankful for his strong example of service.

As a community, our chief concern must always be our children. Mr. Wilson's focus on helping children become responsible adults must continue to be one of our highest priorities. I will continue to fight for this excellent program, and would encourage my colleagues to join with me in this effort.

EPIC is an outstanding program that helps kids everyday. Now, it is also a lasting legacy to a man whose vision and work inspires us all.

Mr. Speaker, today I join with the Western New York community, and communities all across America to honor Mr. Robert L. Wilson for his dedicated service and leadership. Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife, Sarah; four daughters, Linda Stephenson, Terry Vaughan, Margaret Kerr and Hope Hawkins; a sister, Margaret Dodd; fifteen grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. I would like to convey to his family my deepest sympathies, and ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me in a moment of silence.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE TOBASH

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Steve Tobash, a fellow Penn-

sylvanian and good friend, who recently retired after forty years of faithful service as head golf professional at Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, Virginia.

Steve is the sixth of nine children born to Peter and Anna Tobash. He was raised in Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania, where he attended and graduated from the public school system.

Steve developed a love for the game of golf early in life, first as a caddy and later working at a driving range. After apprenticeships in Florida and Baltimore, Maryland, he enlisted in the Army and was assigned to Ft. Meade. The Army quickly recognized his golf talent and placed him in charge of golf operations. After his discharge he remained at Ft. Meade as the golf professional and later became the head professional at Chartwell Country Club. In 1961, he was selected as Golf Professional at Army Navy Country Club.

At Army Navy, Steve developed and maintained a people-oriented operation that served more than two thousand members. He has also been an excellent mentor for young aspiring golf professionals. The measure of his success is that many who got their start with Steve have risen to the top echelon at their respective clubs.

Steve loves the games and all those who play it, from the youngest toddler with a cut down seven iron to the super senior with his custom made golf clubs. All were guaranteed to be greeted by Steve with a big smile and "Welcome to Army Navy."

He is the Dean of Golf Professionals in the Mid-Atlantic and Washington Metropolitan Areas. We are truly going to miss his presence in the pro shop, on the golf course, and around the club. The membership can consider itself fortunate to have had Steve Tobash as their golf professional.

To Steve and Alma, his wife of forty-six years, I wish you God Speed.

JOSEPH RUDAWSKI HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the long history of service to the community by Joseph G. Rudawski, President of MMI Preparatory School, Freeland, Pennsylvania, who will be honored August 4 on the occasion of his retirement after more than 36 years of service to the school.

I have known Joe Rudawski for many years and can attest to his dedication to improving the lives of his students. He has been an extraordinary educator, and the entire MMI Prep community will miss his optimism, tenacity and leadership.

Born in Nanticoke, he is a 1959 graduate of Marymount High School in Wilkes-Barre and a 1963 graduate of King's College with a Bach-

elor of Arts degree in mathematics, minors in education and English. He earned a Master of Science degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Scranton in 1967.

Mr. Rudawski began his service at MMI in September 1964 as a mathematics and psychology instructor and progressed to the positions of guidance director and dean of faculty before becoming president in 1973. During his time as president, he continued to directly serve the students as guidance director and later as college counselor.

During his tenure, thousands of students have passed through the white doors on Centre Street in Freeland and have gone on to achieve tremendous success. The school has undergone a remarkable transformation under his leadership. The small preparatory school expanded greatly, with a \$1 million addition built in 1979, and a \$1.1 million capital campaign in 1990-91. He also oversaw The Campaign for MMI, which raised more than \$9 million for the school's endowment fund and the construction of a new science and technology wing and an athletics and drama complex.

Over the years, he has served the community in many capacities, including director of the Freeland YMCA, former division chairman of the United Way, director and member of the Freeland Rotary Club, a board member of Lutheran Welfare Services, a member of the PCTN-TV Community Advisory Board, director of the Eckley Miner's Village Association, and chairman and member of several committees at St. Casimir's Church and the Roman Catholic Community of Freeland. He is also a past president of the Luzerne County Counselor's Association.

He has received numerous awards for his academic and community achievements, including the Paul Harris Fellow Award from Rotary International, the Citizen of the Year award from the Freeland Sons of Erin, a Declaration of Achievement from the Pennsylvania Senate, the Community Award sponsored by the Freeland Veterans of Foreign Wars, and an Appreciation Award from the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

In May 2001, he announced his intentions to retire from the school so he could spend more time with his wife of 34 years, Jean, his four children—Joe Jr., Tamra Ann, Valerie, and Jeanne, all MMI graduates—and his grandchildren. He expects to continue volunteering in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the long and distinguished service of Joseph Rudawski to MMI Preparatory School and the community, and I wish him all the best.

TRIBUTE TO MIMI FARINA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Ms. WOOLSEY Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mimi Farina of Mill Valley, California, an

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accomplished folk singer, actor and social activist, whose work lives on today. Mimi Farina died July 18 of cancer at the age of 56, leaving a legacy of compassion and a commitment to healing through music.

Born Margarita Mimi Baez, she and her sister, Joan Baez, were part of the burgeoning folk revival in Cambridge, Massachusetts. When she married writer Richard Farina at age 18, she, her husband, Joan Baez and Bob Dylan led the Greenwich Village folk renaissance, creating music that inspired the peace and civil rights movements of the 60's. After her husband's tragic death when she was only 21, Farina joined the San Francisco satiric group The Committee.

Raised a Quaker and always a woman of conscience, she was arrested at a peace march in 1967 and held briefly in prison, giving her a first-hand view of life behind bars. In 1973 she observed the moving response of prisoners in Sing Sing to a performance by Joan Baez and blues immortal B.B. King. After singing in a halfway house shortly afterwards, she developed the idea for Bread and Roses, an organization whose goal is to bring music to people isolated in institutions. Founded in 1974, Bread and Roses sponsors live musical performance by well-known artists for people in prisons, hospitals, senior centers, juvenile facilities and other institutions. Last year, Bread and Roses provided more than 500 concerts in 82 facilities—concerts that provide music's healing power to listeners as well as powerful emotional experiences for performers. Inspired by Bread and Roses success, several similar organizations have sprung up around the country.

Back when Mimi and Richard Farina were a folk duo they sang:

If somehow you could pack up your sorrows
And send them all to me
You would lose them
I'd know how to use them
Send them all to me

Mimi Farina took the sorrows of forgotten people and turned them into life-affirming song. She was appreciated for her spirit, her talent, and her beauty . . . and she is already missed.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY L. "HANK"
LACAYO

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Henry L. "Hank" Lacayo, an outstanding individual who has dedicated his life to public service and social activism. On August 5, 2001, the Destino 2000 Vision Committee and the Ventura County Community Foundation will celebrate Hank's 70th birthday and will honor him for his many years of service on behalf of the people of Ventura county, the State of California, and the Nation.

For more than 45 years, Hank has distinguished himself as a union representative for the United Auto Workers and as a recognized national labor leader throughout the United States. After serving in the Air force, he went to work at North American Aviation's Los Angeles Division.

I had the privilege of meeting Hank during the early 1960s when he was elected President of UAW Local 887 which represented more than 30,000 workers at North American Aviation. Although at that time we were on opposite sides of two political factions, in retrospect the differences that loomed large then now seem pointless. Throughout the years that followed, we worked well together on many important labor issues.

Hank was one of the early supporters of Cesar Chavez and helped convince the UAW to give the farm workers much needed financial assistance. In 1974, the UAW recognized Hank's excellent work and named him Administrative Assistant to then-UAW President Leonard Woodcock. He was later appointed National Director of the UAW's political and legislative department. Hank would later go on to serve within numerous presidential administrations, beginning with President Kennedy, as a labor relations advisor.

In addition to his work with labor unions, Hank has been active in the Latino community. He is a founder and National President Emeritus of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement. Furthermore, Hank helped found the Mid-West-North-East Voter Education Project (today the US Hispanic Leadership Institute) and served as its first President and Chairman of the Board. He was also the first Latino to serve on the prestigious US Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

Hank has been recognized on numerous occasions and has been the recipient of a number of prestigious awards. These include the Walter P. Reuther UAW Distinguished Award, the National Hero Award (US Hispanic Leadership Institute) and the Patriotic Service Award (US Department of Commerce). These accolades and the tribute from the Destino 2000 Vision Committee and Ventura County Community Foundation all recognize Hank's devotion and commitment to the plight of workers.

In addition to his many professional accomplishments, Hank and his wife Leah have raised four wonderful children. It is my distinct pleasure to ask my colleagues to join with me in wishing Henry L. "Hank" Lacayo a happy 70th birthday and in saluting him for his years of public service.

TRIBUTE TO MARY JO MALUSO
AND RICK BLACKSON

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to congratulate Mary Jo Maluso and Rick Blackson on their marriage yesterday in Youngstown, Ohio. I have had the pleasure of knowing Mary Jo for many years and I consider her a good friend. I have also had the fortunate opportunity to get to know Rick a little better through Mary Jo, and I know that these two will have a happy and healthy union together.

This was one of the most beautiful and unusual weddings I have ever attended. Mary Jo and Rick are both excellent musical and theatrical talents, and they decided to use those talents to celebrate their wedding day. Their musical marriage celebration was titled "It's All

About Love", costarring Mary Jo Maluso and Rick Blackson. Rick played piano, Mary Jo sang, and although these two have wowed audiences with their performances in the past, what I watched on this particular "stage" was very real and very well done. I congratulate Rick and Mary Jo for doing what they love to do while at the same time expressing their love for one another.

I want to wish them all the best as they embark on their new life together. In conclusion, I want to congratulate Rick on writing all of the music, including the lyrics. This original score may be used someday for other weddings because after all, "it's all about love."

HONORING RUTH QUACKENBUSH
DODGE

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the passing of an Ohioan and American of note. Ruth Quackenbush Dodge died of heart failure earlier this year at her Maumee River Estate in Wood County's Middleton Township. Mrs. Dodge was 90 years old.

Ruth Quackenbush Dodge was born into one of New York State's founding Dutch dynasties, and spent her childhood in New York City, Vermont and Connecticut, where she was graduated from Miss Porter's school in Farmington. After then attending classes at the New York School of Social Work, Ruth joined the Junior League of New York City at age 18, thus beginning her long history of volunteerism.

A few years later, Miss Quackenbush met Henry Martin Dodge of Toledo. They were married shortly thereafter, and made their home at Elmbrook Farm in Perrysburg, making the new Mrs. Dodge, at age 22, the first member of her family to reside west of the Hudson River. In her new home, Mrs. Dodge continued her volunteer work, transferring to the Junior League of Toledo—for which she served as president from 1936 to 1938—and organizing, in 1948, the Volunteer Bureau of the Toledo Council of Social Agencies. This organization was the forerunner of today's Volunteer Action Center of the United Way of Greater Toledo, which dedicated the Ruth Q. Dodge Volunteer Garden on the grounds of One Stranahan Square in 1994. It was my honor at that time as well to praise Mrs. Dodge's accomplishments before this body.

Mrs. Dodge also pursued her passion for the environment, raising milk cows and soybeans in an environmentally responsible manner before the issue became mainstream, and helped further the exploration of Maumee River Valley history by opening her property for several archeological digs undertaken by the University of Toledo. A strong supporter of both the education and the arts, especially the Toledo Opera Association and the Toledo Museum of Art, Mrs. Dodge sat on the board of trustees of Miss Porter's school and served as president of the Country Garden Club from 1945 to 1946.

These few words cannot truly do justice to the outstanding life of this woman who was so dedicated to the ideals of civic service and

volunteerism. Remembered by her friend Mr. Lewis Heldt for "all of her accomplishments over her long, active lifetime," as well as for her efforts in her role as Honorary Chairperson for the last Fallen Timbers Battlefield fund drive, Ruth Quackenbush Dodge and her good works will truly be missed. We extend to her son David, her five grandchildren, and her six great-grandchildren our deepest condolences. At the same time, we celebrate her remarkable accomplishments and honor her memory by trying to live by her exemplary pioneering and socially responsible spirit.

SUPPORTING RAILROAD FAMILIES

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, as a co-sponsor of the Railroad Retirement and Survivors Improvement Act of 2001, I urge the House of Representatives to pass this legislation—it marks a vital opportunity to strengthen the retirement benefits for thousands of railroad families.

This legislation modernizes and strengthens the retirement system which has covered railroad workers for 65 years. It provides more secure benefits at lower costs to employers and employees, has the support of both rail management and labor, and provides the kind of solid retirement support we need for the 673,000 retirees and beneficiaries.

Among the key elements of this legislation we debate today are:

- provides for increased responsibility by the railroad industry for the financial health of the Railroad Retirement system

- the legislation improves the benefits for retirees and their families; in particular it makes major improvements in benefits for widows and widowers—a key in meeting today's high costs in areas like energy and health

- reduces the current early retirement age of 62 with 30 years of service to age 60 with 30 years of service

- tax rates are substantially reduced for employees

- and currently it takes 10 years to vest for retirement benefits, but this reduces it to 5–7 years, much more similar to other industries.

This reform legislation is the result of 2½ years of negotiations and it will build on the stability of the railroad retirement system, the fairness of retirement benefits, and the need to make adjustments to help retirees meet their needs.

This bi-partisan legislation is fair, is needed, and is long overdue. I urge the House of Representatives to overwhelmingly pass this legislation and the Senate to do likewise.

SHARK PROTECTION ACT OF 2001

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Shark Protection Act of 2001.

Last year Congress passed and President Clinton signed Public Law 106–557, the Shark

Finning Prohibition Act. The goal of that law is to prohibit the activity known as shark finning—the catching of live sharks, removing their fins, and throwing the carcasses back into the water, retaining only the fins.

The practice of shark finning had been prohibited in all U.S. waters except in the Pacific Ocean. Last year's bill prohibited in the U.S. Pacific removal of shark fins and discarding of the carcasses, having custody of shark fins without the corresponding carcasses on board a fishing vessel, and the landing of shark fins without the corresponding carcasses by any vessel.

I had hoped to also prohibit vessels from being in U.S. waters with shark fins on board and the selling of shark fins without the corresponding carcasses in last year's bill, but that was not practical for two reasons. Article 17 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea grants all vessels a right of innocent passage through the territorial seas of other member states. A prohibition of the loading and unloading of shark fins without the corresponding carcasses is permissible under subsection (g) of Article 19 of the Convention, but it appears that any attempt to restrict passage of vessels solely transiting our waters would be in conflict with this international treaty to which the United States is a party.

I believe Congress can, however, prohibit the offering for sale, selling, and purchasing in interstate or foreign commerce of shark fins without the corresponding carcasses anywhere within our national jurisdiction, and that is what this bill does. This might arguably be included as a prohibited act under Section 301(1)(G) [16 U.S.C. 1857(1)(G)] of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, which makes it unlawful for any person to "ship, transport, offer for sale, sell, purchase, import, export, or have custody, control, or possession of, any fish taken or retained . . .". I am concerned that the definition of "fish" found at Section 3(12) of Magnuson-Stevens [16 U.S.C. 1802(12)] includes only whole fish (including sharks), but not parts of fish. The bill I am introducing today would clarify this point by prohibiting the selling of shark fins without carcasses.

Mr. Speaker, the practice of shark finning is continuing to this day in the Pacific. Earlier this year, after passage of the Shark Finning Prohibition Act, a non-fishing vessel entered the port of American Samoa with shark fins on board. This "cargo" was not seized based on the "innocent passage doctrine" noted above. As long as shark fin soup is so popular in many parts of Asia that people are willing to pay \$100 for a bowl of the soup, the problem will continue. We need an international ban on shark finning. Public Law 106–557 initiated a process to accomplish this, and I look forward to receiving from the Administration a report later this year on this important area, as required under that law.

I want to do all I can to stop the wasteful practice of shark finning, and I urge my colleagues to join me by supporting this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 286, 287, 288, and 289 I was unavoidably de-

tained in the district while at Georgetown University on family educational business.

A TRIBUTE TO WALTER BURKS

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I will be unable to attend the homegoing services for your husband, father, brother, and my friend, Walter Burks. Please accept this letter in my absence.

I observed Walter Burks from a far as a teen, working in the campaigns of the late Ambassador Carl Stokes, and the Honorable Congressman Louis Stokes. I came to admire this man some called the "Silver Fox" (silver for the hair color and fox for his leadership skills), as he lead the Department of Personnel of the City of Cleveland, in the cabinet of then Mayor Carl B. Stokes. My summer internship in the Department of Public Utilities gave me more opportunities to see him in action. He seldom raised his voice and understood the important roll he played in assuring that everyone had access to employment opportunities with the City of Cleveland.

As I matured and decided to run for public office, Walter was always there to support and encourage me. After public office, Walter, even in his private business continued to work to improve the lives of the people of his community. His housing developments are testament to that work.

My only regret is that I didn't have a chance to say goodbye. So Walter, since I know you are looking down upon us, Thank You, I Love You, and God Bless You. Rest well and if we do as you have done, we will meet again.

I join with the residents of the 11th Congressional District, who mourn the lost of a great civic leader, political activist, family man, and friend.

[From the Cleveland Plain Dealer]

WALTER BURKS, 77, WAS BUILDER, CIVIC LEADER, POLITICAL ACTIVIST

(By Richard M. Peery)

Plain Dealer Reporter

SHAKER HEIGHTS.—Walter Burks, 77, a developer and political activist who built more than 200 homes in Cleveland, died Thursday at University Hospitals.

Burks was a former trustee of Cleveland State University. He served on the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and the State Board of Education. Mayor Carl B. Stokes appointed him personnel director and chairman of the Civil Service Commission.

In 1974, he formed Burks Electric Co. and participated in commercial and public building projects, including the rebuilding of the Regional Transit Authority's Shaker rapid line.

Burks was born in Cleveland. He attended East Technical High School and studied engineering at Fenn College.

Drafted into the Marine Corps during World War II, he was a sergeant in an engineers unit on Eniwetok and the Marshall Islands in the Pacific. After the war, he and his first wife, Cynthia, built a home on E. 147th St. in Mount Pleasant. Although banks refused to lend to nonwhites in that area, he obtained financing from a black insurance company. He later helped friends build homes nearby.

Burks worked as a mail clerk for Cleveland Municipal Court and was promoted to supervisor of the trustee division, but he spent evenings and weekends on construction projects. After he joined Stokes' staff in the 1960s, he put special effort into hiring and promoting minorities.

As a builder, Burks concentrated in the 1980s on converting former schools into apartments for the elderly. When he was accused of failing to follow complicated HUD regulations, he said the fault lay with the government. A jury cleared him.

In 1989, Burks undertook what was considered a high-risk project when he constructed Glenville Commons, the first new homes to be built in the area in more than 50 years. Its success was followed by a surge of home building in the city.

At the behest of Mayor Michael R. White, a former business partner, a park on Parkview Dr. in Glenville was named for him.

Burks and his wife, the former Charmaine Colwell, lived in Shaker Heights.

He also is survived by a son, Dr. David of Ann Arbor, Mich.; a daughter, Karen Bailey of Richmond Heights; three grandchildren; two sisters; and five brothers.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. at Antioch Baptist Church, 8869 Cedar Ave., Cleveland.

Arrangements are by E.F. Boyd & Son Funeral Home of Cleveland.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE STATE OF COLORADO ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. One hundred years after the United States became a Nation, Colorado became the 38th state in the Union. In recognition of this historic moment, I stand here to pay tribute to the great State of Colorado. I would like to share a little historical background, and some lesser known facts about the state in honor of this anniversary.

According to the state archives, when the Colorado Territory was populated by only approximately 100,000 people, thirty-nine members of the constitutional convention gathered for the purpose of preparing Colorado's constitution. President Grant declared Colorado a state on August 1, 1876, one week after the Governor's secretary, John Reigart, set off toward Washington, D.C. with a copy of the constitution and other necessary documents.

Since then, Colorado has continued to make history. The stunning view from Pikes Peak inspired Katherine Lee Bates to write one of our country's most popular patriotic songs, "America the Beautiful." On a less serious note, Denver "lays claim to the invention of the cheeseburger," according to 50states.com. Colorado is also home to some of America's greatest heroes. Pueblo, for instance, has held the honor of being the only city in the Nation with four living recipients of the Medal of Honor. In addition, Colorado Springs is home to the distinguished United States Air Force Academy.

Among its natural wonders, Colorado is home to the world's largest outdoor natural hot springs pool, which spans over two city blocks. The pool was visited by former president Teddy Roosevelt, and by "Doc" Holliday,

who hoped the natural springs would cure his tuberculosis. Other geological marvels include Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument and the Great Sand Dunes, plus fifty-two mountain peaks over 14,000 feet high, and the headwaters of over 20 rivers. The Nation's highest city, Leadville, which boasts an elevation of 10,430 feet, also rests in Colorado. In addition, Colorado holds three quarters of the Nation's land area with an altitude over 10,000 feet, along with 222 state wildlife areas. With such a variety of natural beauty and resources, it is no wonder that Colorado provides agriculture, summer and winter recreation, and a pioneering spirit to millions of residents and visitors each year.

Mr. Speaker, there is no end to the wonder and greatness of this state. It is with great pride that I stand here today in honor of the 125th anniversary of the State of Colorado.

HONORING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF CASEY AND JEAN BROWN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Casey and Jean Brown from Ignacio, Colorado. As family and friends will gather to celebrate this joyous occasion, I too would like to recognize them at this special time. Following their hearts throughout this 50-year journey has led to happiness and a loving life together.

Casey and Jean were married on August 5, 1951 in Hatch, New Mexico after meeting each other at New Mexico State University. Following a honeymoon in Mexico, the couple relocated to Laramie, Wyoming, where Casey received a Master's Degree in Sheep and Wool Production. After his schooling and a brief stint as a college professor, the couple joined Casey's father in his sheep business located in Aztec, California.

Casey and Jean decided to move one more time in 1958 to a small farm in La Plata, New Mexico. It is here that they raised their five children. Following suit with past experience, the family moved one more time to Ignacio in 1978. Jean had always dreamed of becoming a nurse, and this served as the catalyst to pursue her dreams. She was employed by Mercy Hospital in Durango until she retired. While Jean was a nurse, Casey once again started his own sheep business on their ranch. Even amidst all of their responsibilities, they found time to offer services to their community where they were involved in the Woolgrowers Auxiliary, the American Sheep Industry Commission and other organizations.

Love has flourished between these two hearts, but not without dedication and hard work. For this momentous occasion, Casey is treating his devoted wife to a trip to Scotland—her ancestral land. This celebration of 50 years is a remarkable accomplishment and is to be commended. Mr. Speaker, it is with excitement and admiration that I extend my congratulations to Casey and Jean and offer them my best wishes for many more years to come.

HONORING THE GRAND JUNCTION VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I would like to pay tribute to the Grand Junction Veterans Affairs Medical Center for receiving the 2001 President's Quality Award that highlights continued improvement and management of high caliber care to veterans who so diligently served our Nation.

This facility serves all veterans in an area of 50,000 square miles and 17 counties in Western Colorado and Eastern Utah. With the overarching goal of being "the preferred health care system for all veterans," the Medical Center constantly strives to improve itself and help those in need of their services. The President's Quality Award highlights the Center's integration of their innovative management techniques, outstanding dedication to customer service and dynamic performance that will enhance the Center's capabilities in the new century. The Grand Junction Veterans Affairs Medical Center has implemented a "virtual circle of care" policy that involves every patient, and this program has inspired similar programs around the country. Not satisfied with just internal improvements, the Center has added new community outreach efforts that seek to build upon their primary, specialty and extended care. All of these continued efforts have resulted in consistently higher scores in patient care and satisfaction from the Department of Veterans Affairs and from external agencies and hospitals.

The Grand Junction Veterans Affairs Medical Center truly is an exemplary model of the care that our distinguished veterans deserve. While providing the highest care and improving their overall performance with an emphasis on customer satisfaction, the Center has worked very hard to become one of the finest facilities in the Nation. The invaluable services that Grand Junction Veterans Affairs Medical Center provides truly deserve the recognition of this body.

HONORING OTIS CHARTIER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I would like to recognize Mr. Otis Meril Chartier, who received the Bronze Star for his service during WWII. He served our country 56 years ago and just recently received this distinguished honor.

At a family picnic not too far from Parker, Colorado, Otis was awarded the Bronze Star in recognition of his courage in February of 1945. During WWII, he and another soldier took on a German machine gun haven where they disrupted its activity and eliminated two enemy soldiers. A howitzer shell then bombarded the nest and the area was neutralized. For this valorous effort, Otis was granted the Bronze Star. His courageous act was executed only 4 months before the end of the war.

After joining the Army in 1940, Otis was put in charge of the Victory Garden due to his background in farming, and was eventually sent to infantry school. This was followed by his deployment to France in December of 1944. In his first battlefield experience, his 12-member squad was sent ahead of the group to scout. This scouting effort led to the group being ambushed, leaving only Otis alive as the other soldiers were killed in the line of duty. One other notable battlefield experience that caused his life to flash before his eyes happened as he and two other soldiers were rushing into town when a mortar shell hit immediately in front of them, causing permanent damage in his right ear.

On December 20, 1945, Otis returned home to find employment as a carpenter. Although this paid the bills, his true passion was music. He joined a band in 1946 called the Trailblazers and ventured to Montana to play for audiences for about three years, until his hearing would not permit him to continue anymore. Otis then returned to Colorado and was employed by Gates Rubber Company for 31 years. Today, he enjoys spending time with his family.

While much time has passed since the war, the importance and acknowledgement of the heroism that Otis Chartier exhibited shall not vanish with time. He was a part of the victorious effort to ensure peace across the globe. It is my pleasure to offer my congratulations and sincerest thanks to Otis for his dedicated service and patriotism.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. IRA
JEFFREY

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, in his forty years of working with cancer research and treatment, Dr. Ira Jaffrey has contributed to a movement that has saved many lives and has enhanced the quality and duration of many others and I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to him. While his technical expertise has proven essential for providing professional and quality health care, his emotional understanding and support have made him a hero.

After working at Mount Sinai Hospital and School of Medicine in New York, Ira and his wife, Sandy, headed to the western slope of Colorado where they started Western Slope Oncology in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Currently, Ira works with Valley View, Aspen Valley, Clagett Memorial and University hospitals, and the Vail Valley Medical Center. In addition, he is an assistant clinical professor at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and a treasurer and state delegate for the Mount Sopris Medical Society. Sandy is a registered Physician's Assistant with extensive training and experience in oncology nursing. Between the two of them, they care for between 350 and 500 patients.

Ira and Sandy have personally experienced the challenges and destruction that cancer brings; Sandy is a breast cancer survivor, and Ira lost his sister to cancer in 1970. Perhaps because they grasp the understanding that can only come with experience, they give their

patients the most dedicated care, such as encouraging their patients to call them at home. Ira explained to Heather McGregor of The Glenwood Post-Independent that he deals largely with people for whom cancer will ultimately prove fatal. "My job is to eliminate pain and suffering, to improve their quality of life, and to increase their survival time," he told her. "There are lots of ups and downs, and we have to be there for them."

Mr. Speaker, for forty years, Dr. Ira Jaffrey has not only worked as a skilled and talented oncologist, but he has acted with compassion and sensitivity toward one of the most destructive diseases of our time. I would like to take this time to thank him for helping improve the quality of life for the many people today who suffer from cancer.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE U.S.
MILITARY'S HUMANITARIAN
WORK IN EAST TIMOR

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege to be in East Timor on July 2–5, 2001 to assess the current humanitarian situation and see first hand how American tax dollars are being spent. I was quite impressed with the work of the United States military and its ongoing humanitarian assistance in East Timor. This is a story which is not getting told to the American people. The U.S. military is doing incredible work at improving peoples' lives and generating good will towards the United States.

The U.S. military presence is coordinated through the United States Support Group in East Timor (USGET). Colonel Charles E. Cooke, U.S. Marine Corps, is Commander of USGET and is doing a superb job. Commanders for USGET have a three month rotation. USGET's purpose is to be a visible U.S. presence in East Timor and to plan/execute rotational humanitarian assistance missions. Since its inception in September 1999, USGET has conducted community relations and engineering projects, provided free medical and dental care, coordinated U.S. military ship visits, and repaired schools and medical clinics. For example, in April 2001, the USS Boxer visited East Timor. It was the largest effort in USGET history. The ship personnel provided medical assistance to 2,028 patients, completed five community relations projects, delivered 165 tons of humanitarian assistance by air and 86 tons of humanitarian assistance by sea. The ship crew also delivered \$53,000 in direct donations from the United States.

My trip to East Timor coincided with the visit of USNS *Niagara Falls*. Thirty personnel from the ship were detailed to repair a school in Dili which was burned down by the militias in 1999. They rebuilt and painted the school, and installed a new electrical system while East Timorese children looked on, excited to get their school back, and thankful to the U.S. military. It was quite an impressive thing to see.

On the morning of July 4th, I traveled on a helicopter from the USNS *Niagara Falls* to observe food delivery to the city of Lospaio in the Lautem district. In June, flooding de-

stroyed many homes in this district and washed out the main bridge which connected the area with East Timor's capitol city of Dili. The U.S. military, working with the World Food Programme, was ensuring that food and supplies were getting into the region.

I am extremely proud of these men and women in the U.S. military for their humanitarian work in East Timor. They represent the best which our great nation has to offer. I salute them for their work and hope it will continue into next year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I am sorry that I was not here to cast my vote on Roll Call Vote No. 289, Representative Menendez's amendment to H.R. 2620, last Friday. If I had been here, I would have voted "yea" on this amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I regret that due to an airline delay, I was unavoidably detained arriving from my district in California, and missed three votes this evening (July 30, 2001).

Had I been present, I would have voted AYE on the following rolls:

Roll 290, H. Res. 212, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance presents a unique opportunity to address global discrimination.

Roll 291, H. Res. 191, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United Nations should immediately transfer to the Israeli Government an unedited and uncensored videotape that contains images which could provide material evidence for the investigation into the incident on October 7, 2000, when Hezbollah forces abducted 3 Israeli Force soldiers, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, and Omar Souad.

Roll 292, H. Con. Res. 190, supporting the goals and ideals of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NURSING
HOME QUALITY PROTECTION ACT

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Nursing Home Quality Protection Act. It is imperative that we do everything in our power to protect our most vulnerable citizens—the elderly and disabled who live in nursing homes. That is why I and my colleagues are introducing this legislation today—

to take a crucial first step towards ensuring that seniors in nursing homes are provided the care they deserve.

This legislation is a product of a series of investigations reports conducted by my staff into nursing home conditions. These reports have consistently found numerous violations of federal health and safety standards in nursing homes throughout the country. Many of the violations harmed residents. Common problems included untreated bedsores; inadequate medical care; malnutrition; dehydration; preventable accidents; and inadequate sanitation and hygiene.

Moreover, during the course of these investigations, we began to notice an unexpected and extremely disturbing trend. Many of the nursing homes we examined were being cited for physical, sexual, or verbal abuse of residents. I asked my staff to investigate whether these abuse cases were isolated occurrences—or whether they signaled a broader, nationwide problem. The report I released today presented the results of this investigation.

What we found was shocking. Within the last two years, nearly one-third of the nursing homes in the United States have been cited by state inspectors for an abuse violation. In over 1,600 nursing homes—approximately one out of every ten—these abuse violations were serious enough to cause actual harm to residents or to place them in immediate jeopardy of death or serious injury.

As documented in the report, we found examples of residents being punched, choked, or kicked by staff members or other residents. These attacks frequently caused serious injuries such as fractured bones and lacerations. And we found other examples of residents being groped or sexually molested.

We also found that the percentage of nursing homes cited for abuse violations has doubled since 1996. I hope that this is the result of better detection and enforcement. To its credit, the Clinton Administration launched an initiative in 1998 to reduce abuse in nursing homes, and this initiative may be responsible for some of the increase in reported cases of abuse.

But I am concerned that some of the increase in abuse cases may reflect an actual increase in abuse of residents. In 1997, Congress unwisely decided to repeal the Boren Amendment, which guaranteed that nursing homes receive adequate funding. Since then, federal funding has not kept pace with the costs of providing nursing care. As a result, it is harder and harder for nursing home operators to provide seniors the kind of care they need and deserve.

I know many operators of nursing homes who are dedicated to providing the best care possible. They would never knowingly tolerate abuse or other dangerous practices in their facilities. But unless we are willing to pay nursing homes enough to do their job, intolerable incidents of abuse and other types of mistreatment will continue to persist in too many nursing homes.

I do not want to suggest that most residents of nursing homes are being abused. The vast majority of nursing staff are dedicated and professional people who provide good care. In many instances, the only reason that abuse is even reported is because of the actions of conscientious staff members.

On a personal note, my mother-in-law is in a nursing home in Maryland. I've met with

many of the people that care for her. They are good people, but they have difficult jobs. They work long hours in understaffed conditions, and they don't make a lot of money. Under such trying circumstances, it's not surprising that staff turnover is high and that facilities are forced to hire people who shouldn't be working in nursing homes.

But the bottom line is clear: Something clearly needs to be done to improve nursing home conditions. The senior citizens who live in nursing homes are frail and vulnerable. Frequently, they are defenseless and cannot even report problems to others. They deserve to be treated with respect and dignity—not to live in fear of abuse and mistreatment.

It would have been intolerable if we had found a hundred cases of abuse; it is unconscionable that we have found thousands upon thousands.

That's why I and many other members are introducing the Nursing Home Quality Protection Act later today. Our bill is a comprehensive approach to improving conditions in our nation's nursing homes. The bill would:

Increase resources to nursing homes so they can hire more staff;

Institute minimum nurse staffing requirements;

Impose tougher sanctions on poorly performing nursing homes;

Require criminal background checks on employees; and

Increase Internet disclosure of nursing home conditions.

This is a good piece of legislation that has been endorsed by organizations representing nursing home residents and workers. It will do much to improve the quality of care received by the one and a half million people who live in our country's nursing homes.

I want to assure all Americans who have a family member in a nursing home that we will do all we can to protect their aging loved ones. They helped our generation when we needed their help. And now it's our turn—and our obligation—to make sure they can live safely and without fear.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF OLDER AMERICANS ACT NUTRITION PROGRAMS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce H. Con. Res. 199 that celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs to occur in March 2002. I wish to first commend the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Program (NANASP) and my good friend Bob Blancato for their work on behalf of this resolution. I hope all my colleagues and the many national, state and local aging organizations will join in support.

In 1972, Congress passed legislation authored by my friend and colleague, Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, to establish for the first time a federal program to provide senior citizens with daily meals served either in congregate settings or in their home. It was viewed then as an important federal initiative to address the growing number of "at

risk" seniors who faced hospitalization or time in a nursing home due to malnutrition and poor diet.

During these past 30 years Older Americans Act nutrition programs have done a marvelous job of serving millions of senior citizens with vital nutritional meals and also providing them equally valuable socialization opportunities.

We should also acknowledge those federal programs, which achieve and exceed their mission. The Older Americans Act nutrition programs so ably administered by the Administration on Aging, state and area agencies on aging and thousands of dedicated nutrition providers and volunteers, is one such program.

I hope during the 30th anniversary celebration, we can recommit ourselves to the cause of promoting good nutrition for our older Americans through the Older Americans Act nutrition programs and the many vital private sector programs that complement the public dollars. One such excellent program is City Meals on Wheels that operates in my home New York City. Each year City Meals on Wheels raised millions of dollars to provide senior citizens with weekend, holiday, and emergency meals.

I commend the dedicated men and women who work each day in our senior centers, community centers, schools and other congregate sites serving the meals under the Older Americans Act nutrition program. I also salute the many thousands of people who deliver meals to the homebound elderly. They are a vital link to these older Americans and often their work goes unheralded.

EAST END COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2001

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to let my colleagues know about an important milestone in the civic life of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

On September 22, 2001, the East End Cooperative Ministry will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary with a dinner at Freehof Hall of the Rodef Shalom Congregation in Pittsburgh.

The East End Cooperative Ministry, Incorporated, consists of 50 local religious institutions. For the past thirty years, the East End Cooperative Ministry has worked to provide food, shelter, training, and other assistance to needy members of our community.

This organization has operated a soup kitchen and provided homeless men and women with shelter. The East End Cooperative Ministry has also helped needy people move from crisis shelter to independent living, and it has provided employment training and life skills to a number of individuals.

The East End Cooperative Ministry has helped hundreds of elderly people with day-to-day tasks and delivered meals to frail and elderly households.

The East End Cooperative Ministry has also been active in providing recreation and developmental guidance to children. Among other activities, the East End Cooperative Ministry has operated a summer day camp for several hundred children, and it has provided leadership and conflict resolution training to more than 500 at-risk youth.

Over the last 30 years, the East End Cooperative Ministry has worked to ensure that the needs of many of the most vulnerable members of our community have been met. On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I want to commend the East End Cooperative Ministry for its efforts to alleviate suffering and provide hope to the needy. Thank you.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 31, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

AUGUST 1

9 a.m.

Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine the business of environmental technology.

SR-428A

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Production and Price Competitiveness Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the status of export market shares.

SR-328A

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider energy policy legislation and other pending calendar business.

SD-366

Armed Services

To hold hearings on the nomination of Gen. John P. Jumper, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.

SD-106

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the impact of air emissions from the transportation sector on public health and the environment.

SD-406

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the status of current U.S. trade agreements, focusing on the proposed benefits and the practical realities.

SR-253

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine stem cell ethical issues and intellectual property rights.

SD-192

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider proposed legislation entitled The Stroke Treatment and Ongoing Prevention (STOP STROKE) Act of 2001; the proposed Community Access to Emergency Defibrillation (Community AED) Act of 2001; the proposed Health Care Safety Net Amendments of 2001; S.543, to provide for equal coverage of mental

health benefits with respect to health insurance coverage unless comparable limitations are imposed on medical and surgical benefits; and S.838, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety and efficacy of pharmaceuticals for children.

SD-430

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to markup S.1254, to reauthorize the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997; the nomination of Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Trade Development; the nomination of Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement; the nomination of Melody H. Fennel, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations; and the nomination of Michael Minoru Fawn Liu, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing and the nomination of Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury.

SD-538

Finance

To hold hearings to examine a balance between cybershopping and sales tax.

SD-215

Judiciary

Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S.989, to prohibit racial profiling.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S.367, to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; S.Res.126, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding observance of the Olympic Truce; and S.Con.Res.58, expressing support for the tenth annual meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum.

SD-419

2 p.m.

Judiciary

Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S.1233, to provide penalties for certain unauthorized writing with respect to consumer products.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings on the nomination of John Arthur Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board; the nomination of Jeffrey William Runge, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and the nomination of Nancy Victory, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, and the nomination of Otto Wolff, to be an Assistant Secretary and Chief Financial Officer, both of Virginia, both of the Department of Commerce.

SR-253

Appropriations

Military Construction Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for the fiscal year 2002 for Navy construction and Air Force construction.

SD-138

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings on intelligence matters.

SH-219

4 p.m.

Conferees

Meeting of conferees on H.R.1, to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind.

SC-5, Capitol

AUGUST 2

9 a.m.

Rules and Administration

Business meeting to markup S.J.Res.19, providing for the reappointment of Anne d'Harnoncourt as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; S.J.Res.20, providing for the appointment of Roger W. Sant as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; S.829, to establish the National Museum of African American History and Culture within the Smithsonian Institution; S.565, to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology and the administration of Federal elections, to require States to meet uniform and non-discriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections; an original resolution providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library; and other legislative and administrative matters.

SR-301

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To resume hearings to examine the proposed federal farm bill, focusing on rural economic issues.

SR-328A

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider energy policy legislation.

SD-366

Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-342

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings on the nomination of John Lester Henshaw, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

SD-430

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Financial Institutions Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine responses to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation recommendations for reform, focusing on the comprehensive deposit insurance reform.

SD-538

Budget

To hold hearings to examine social security, focusing on budgetary tradeoffs and transition costs.

SD-608

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

2:15 p.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on installation programs, military construction programs, and family housing programs.

SR-232A

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Energy and Natural Resources

To hold joint hearings to examine the National Academy of Sciences report on fuel economy, focusing on the effect of energy policies on consumers.

SH-216

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings on the nomination of John A. Gauss, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Information and Technology; the nomination of Claude M. Kicklighter, of Georgia, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Policy and Planning; to be followed by a business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-418

AUGUST 3

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for July, 2001.

1334, Longworth Building

10 a.m.

Finance

International Trade Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the Andean Trade Preferences Act.

SD-215

SEPTEMBER 19

2 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings on S.702, for the relief of Gao Zhan.

SD-226

CANCELLATIONS

AUGUST 2

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S.212, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend such Act.

SR-485